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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

THEATRE  ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
HIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING,
SEPTEMBER 25th, 1878.
Under the Immediate Patronage of
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
AND
MRS. HENNESSY AND SUITE,
THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA AND
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY
(By appointment to Her Majesty the Queen)

OFFENBACH'S WORLD-RENOWNED COMIC
OPERA
THE GRAND DUCHESS
OF
GEROLSTEIN.
In Three Acts and One Tableau.
CAST OF CHARACTERS:

PRINCE PAUL.....	MISS B. DRAEGAR.
BARON PUCK.....	MR. F. HAGEMAN.
BARON GEOG.....	MR. G. ADAMS.
GENERAL BOOM.....	MR. J. ROLLINGS.
EPOMUC (an Aida-de- Camp).....	MR. ELSCOMBE.
PRIVATE FRITZ.....	MR. H. VERNON.
ANDA (a Peasant- Girl).....	MISS CLARA STANLEY.

uring the Evening Miss AGNES DRAEGAR.
will perform a
NEW VIOLIN SOLO.
MUSICAL CONDUCTOR Mr. PANIZZA.
The Operas are produced under the Solo

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs.
Russ & Co.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre
may be seen.

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Press Circle or Orchestra	} TWO DOLLARS.
Stalls.....	
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Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot
be admitted.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1878. [1595
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE Steamship
"NAMO,"
Captain Westoby, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 26th instant,

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
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Hongkong, 24th September, 1878. [1602]

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Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
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Hongkong, 25th September, 1878. [1607]
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the 3rd October.
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Hongkong, 25th September, 1878. [1438]
NOTICE.

ICE will be
TWO CENTS PER POUND.
KYLE AND BAIN.
Loe House, 24th September. 1878. [1w1599
NOTICE
WE hereby give notice that all BILLS
against the British Bark "GLAMIS"
will not be PAID unless approved and counter-

RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted
by the Captain, Officers, or Crew,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents for the Owners of the
British Bark "GLAMIS."
Hongkong, 21st September, 1878. [1m1584]

NOTICE.
ON the 10th day of the 8th Moon of the 4th

of the Firm of Messrs. HIN WO FAI, Sixth Ward, Canton, Raw Silk Merchants, was made up, the PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED by mutual consent, and the Capital and Interest divided among the Partners.

It is hereby notified that the Firm will not be responsible for any Debt or Debts contracted by any Partners or Employés, Claims upon whom will be paid by the party who contracted such Debt.

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THE PARTNERS OF THE
HIM WO TAI Canton.

LESSONS IN DANCING.

A CLASS for instruction in DANCING
TO CHILDREN and ADULTS will be
OPENED on the 1st October next.

Admission G. D. Daily. Prices

Office.
Houkeng, 21st September, 1878. [3m1485]

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The CLASS for instruction in the GERMAN LANGUAGE will be RE-OPENED from the 1st October next.

For Particulars, address to A. K., Daily Press Office.

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1878. [1ml588
ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY.
The Undersigned, having effected a LEASE of
the above PROPERTY, PLANT, &c., have to re-
quest that, until further notice, all COMMUN-
ICATIONS with reference to the business of the
said Refinery be MADE TO THEM, either at their

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1878. [909]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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MARITIMES.**

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. P. POUEY, Agent.
Ex "TIGRE."
HR. No. 200. Messrs. Urmann & Co., 1 case
Laces, from Marseilles.
(B&C in diamond) 8. Order, 212 bales Cotton,
from Madras.
Hongkong, 25th September, 1878.

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At Hongkong, on the 24th instant, the wife of F. Macdonald, of Harbour Department, of an [1878].

MARRIAGE. On the 14th September, at H. M. Consulate, Singapore, Mr. J. Macdonald, of Harbour Department, of an [1878].

At Hongkong, on the 17th instant, after a brief illness, C. B. Threlkeld.

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strength by slow degrees. Similarly if the disaffection round Ningpo is allowed to get to any head, it may spread beyond the borders of Chekiang and become very troublesome to suppress. The people of Fuhkien are as turbulent and as impatient of control as their neighbours in Chekiang, and the population includes a large proportion of pirates and smugglers who are now unable to pursue their unlawful avocations with the degree of impunity, and who would therefore be only too glad to help to bring about the reign of disorder. The Governor of Chekiang has a difficult task to perform, and we trust he will be able to accomplish it without causing a rebellion among the people.

The end of the famine in the North is now happily in view. There are prospects of abundant harvests in the distressed provinces and the necessity for extraordinary aid seems to be over. The Rev. T. RICHARD, writing from Tai Yuen-fu, says—"It is time that England should be relieved, as the 'great famine' is over, and what will happen this winter and spring, instead of spreading over thirteen provinces, as the natives report, will be confined to a corner of one only which can be easily managed by the Government itself." The trials China has passed through during the last two or three years have been indeed severe; and it is to be hoped they will not be repeated. In this province of Shansi, which has suffered more severely from the famine than any of the others, it is estimated that the population, variously stated at from fourteen to seventeen millions, has been reduced by death and emigration by two thirds. While the people were thus being starved to death in one part of the Empire, there was in other parts sufficient grain to have supplied their needs and to have prevented this dreadful diminution of the population; but the means of communication are so wretchedly bad that it was found impossible to convey the grain from the places where it lay rotting in the sun to the provinces where the famishing people tried out for it in vain. Even the sympathetic Government of China ought to be roused by such fearful results to the necessity of providing roads and keeping the water-ways in good repair. It has been truly said that no country can compare with China in the extent of its public works, but these works were executed long ago, and the present Government appears almost too weak to keep them in repair, not to speak of supplementing them by others. The roads are left to take care of themselves almost entirely, and in the case of water-ways when an embankment breaks it is patched up in such a manner as to last only until the next fresh again bursts through it. No attempt is made to imitate the solidity of the original works. To these failings the late distresses of China ought to open the eyes of the Government. It is also highly important that some attempt should be made to stop the disaffection of the land, which is proceeding at such an alarming rate, and which is gradually altering the climatic conditions of the country. But it is not only by these semi-natural disadvantages that the sufferings of the people have been intensified; there is only too good ground for believing that much of the actual distress which occurred might have been largely alleviated had it not been for the traditional spirit of squeezing that they could not let the relief destined for the famishing pass through their lands without paying black mail. This of course only applies to some, not all, of the officials. There have been examples of disinterested discharge of duty on the part of those entrusted by the Government with the distribution of relief, and it is also only fair to say that the sufferings of the countrymen have touched a generous chord in the hearts of many wealthy natives, who have contributed of their means in a manner highly creditable to them. Notwithstanding this, however, the proceedings in connection with the late famine have painfully demonstrated the weakness of the Chinese Government and the hopeless corruption of many of its servants. Experience is a hard but generally effective teacher, and it is to be hoped that when long continued drought again brings wide-spread famine, which we trust will not be for very many years to come, the Government will find itself better able to cope with the difficulty than it has shown itself during the last three years.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer, *Yongfa*, with the next outward French mail, left Singapore for the port of Saigon yesterday morning.

The steamer *Douglas*, Captain Fitts, reported having left Fuzhou Anchorage, Fuzhou, at one o'clock p.m. on Thursday the 19th instant; anchored off Sharp Peak owing to the barometer being down 29.5, left again at four o'clock the next morning and had fine weather from thence to port.

The Royal English Opera Company will repeat their performance of "The Grand Duc de Goriotin" at the Theatre Royal, this evening, Miss Elinor May again appearing as the Grand Duc. The performance on this occasion will be the last of the company's tour of the island, and the company will be leaving for the mainland tomorrow morning.

The hotborew reported experienced during Wednesday night (the 18th instant) and throughout the whole of yesterday (the 19th) led to a general impression that a typhoon was blowing off the coast. The weather was very oppressive, and at first there was little wind. As the morning advanced, however, the wind increased and during the afternoon a perfect gale in Fuhkien was blowing. The steamers that arrived reported having experienced strong N.E. gales and heavy seas, but had sustained no damage. During the evening of the 18th both the wind and rain seemed to increase. The weather continued very boisterous during the 19th and 20th, rain falling heavily and the wind blowing in violent gusts. The effect on the river was to stop nearly all traffic, and both outward and inward bound steamers, &c., had to anchor. The M.D. steamer *Tobio Maru*, with the American and Japanese mail on board, which was due to leave at 10 a.m. on the 19th, was not able to start on Thursday forenoon, but did not arrive last night. Notwithstanding the violence of the wind, there are as yet no reports of any great damage to property. The plumes with the first rain were generally supposed to be on account of a purchase of tea, alleging that the tea tendered was not according to sample. The tea dealer claimed \$900 in addition to the cost of the tea, and the tea dealer was accordingly refused. It was through the default of Yip Kue-shan that the transaction had not been concluded. His Lordship gave judgment for the tea dealer, and the tea dealer was accordingly refused. Yip Kue-shan, and Mr. Ng Choy for Chai U-ka.

The Union Insurance Society of Canton. The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the fifth ordinary meeting to be held at the Society's office at 8 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

The directors have now to submit to the shareholders the report on the business of the society for the year 1877 and for the six months ending 30th June 1878.

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